

Table 11. Percentage of Alternative High School Students Who Used Selected Drugs by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade, 1998

Drug Use Behavior	SEX		RACE/ETHNICITY			GRADE LEVEL				ALL GROUPS
	Male	Female	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	
Lifetime marijuana	88.0	82.1	89.4	77.7	84.0	81.0	85.3	86.0	86.8	85.4
Current marijuana ¹	58.2	46.7	56.7	47.2	50.6	51.2	52.9	55.7	51.2	53.0
Lifetime cocaine use ²	38.6	33.0	43.8	5.7	46.4	32.7	36.4	37.8	36.5	36.1
Current cocaine use ¹	17.1	13.1	17.1	3.6	19.4	14.8	16.6	15.9	14.1	15.3
Lifetime crack or freebase use	23.5	19.4	26.2	3.5	26.8	20.9	22.9	24.2	18.9	21.6
Lifetime use of illegal steroids	9.8	7.4	10.5	6.6	6.9	12.0	9.6	6.9	7.6	8.7
Lifetime injected drug use	6.8	4.4	7.0	4.1	4.5	7.6	5.6	5.4	4.9	5.7
Episodic heavy drinking ³	55.4	42.9	58.7	28.4	52.4	43.8	48.1	51.5	51.7	49.8
Current cigarette ¹	67.7	59.8	78.6	43.3	53.0	64.5	64.3	64.8	62.2	64.1

— Data not available.

¹ Used one or more times during the last 30 days.

² Ever tried any form of cocaine, including powder, crack, or freebase.

³ Drank 5 or more drinks of alcohol on at least one occasion on 1 or more days during the last 30 days.

Source: *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance—National Alternative High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, United States, 1998," Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.